

# *Governor's 2010 Red Wagon Award*

*The Children's Home Society of Parkersburg, West Virginia, is the recipient of the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Governor's Red Wagon Award.*

The Children's Home Society of West Virginia is a private, non-profit child welfare organization founded in 1896. The Society is a participatory organization consisting of employees, foster families, adoptive families, volunteers, Board members, Directors Emeriti, advisory council members, donors, benefactors, supporters, and friends. We are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors that is representative of the communities we serve from around the state. We are licensed to provide child welfare and behavioral health services in West Virginia. We are a member agency of the West Virginia Alliance for Children and we are fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation.

The mission of the Children's Home Society is to promote the well being of children. Our current efforts are directed at helping children find lifetime families, protecting and nurturing children, and helping preserve and strengthen their families.

The future we see for our children: That the Children's Home Society, working in concert with other organizations and institutions, assures that each child in West Virginia grows up in a safe and nurturing family that provides for his or her current and future needs.

Comprehensive child welfare, behavioral health, social casework and advocacy services are provided to over 6,887 children each year from twelve primary locations throughout the state. Some of our current programs are adoption, foster care, in-home and in-community services for children and families, emergency shelter care, respite, mediation, parent education training, prenatal and early childhood services, volunteer and mentoring, youth services, visitation and reunification, school based social work, day care and comprehensive assessment services.

The Parkersburg site of the agency exemplifies the Five Promises of America's Promise in its work, mission and values. We provide caring adults to many community youth in our Shelter, foster care, after school program, runaway and homeless youth programs and WE CAN mentoring program. Several hundred youth are supported annually in this Promise. We provide safe places in our Mid Town Family Resource Center for over 150 children annually. Children and young families are supported for a Healthy Start throughout Early Childhood programs, Right From the Start, and Birth to Three. Over 300 young children are served monthly from our site. An Effective Education is provided to over 100 children annually through our tutoring, remedial school work, and career and post secondary education exploration work with children in our programs. And finally, Opportunities to Help Others through community service are provided to more than 50 children annually in a wide array of projects.

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